

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1287**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jeffries**

February 23, 2007

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An act to amend Section 3018 of the Elections Code, relating to absentee voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1287, as introduced, Jeffries. Absentee voting.

Existing law provides that absentee ballots may be submitted to satellite offices, the locations, hours, and telephone numbers of which must be announced by general new release no less than 14 days before voting at that location.

This bill would provide that in cases of disaster or emergency, only 48 hours' notice of the satellite office information is required.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 3018 of the Elections Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     3018. (a) Any voter using an absentee ballot may, prior to the  
4     close of the polls on election day, vote the ballot at the office of  
5     the elections official. The voter shall vote the ballot in the presence  
6     of an officer of the elections official or in a voting booth, at the  
7     discretion of the elections official, but in no case may his or her  
8     vote be observed. Where voting machines are used the elections  
9     official may provide one voting machine for each ballot type used

1 within the jurisdiction. Elections officials may provide electronic  
2 voting devices for this purpose provided that sufficient devices  
3 are provided to include all ballot types in the election.

4 (b) For purposes of this section, the office of an elections official  
5 may include satellite locations. Notice of the satellite locations  
6 shall be made by the elections official by the issuance of a general  
7 news release, issued not later than 14 days prior to voting at the  
8 satellite location, *except that in a county with a declared emergency*  
9 *or disaster, notice shall be made not later than 48 hours prior to*  
10 *voting at the satellite location.* The news release shall set forth the  
11 following information:

12 (1) The satellite location or locations.

13 (2) The dates and hours the satellite location or locations will  
14 be open.

15 (3) A telephone number that voters may use to obtain  
16 information regarding absentee ballots and the satellite locations.

17 (c) Absentee ballots voted at a satellite location pursuant to this  
18 section shall be placed in an absentee voter identification envelope  
19 to be completed by the voter pursuant to Section 3011. However,  
20 if the elections official utilizes electronic voting devices, the  
21 absentee ballot may be cast on an electronic voting device.